

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
February 24, 2020**

Present: Jacob Benda, Joyce Brown, Tom Ferry, David Jenkins, Diana Lee Lucker,
Andrew Paulson, Phillip Radtke, Christopher Stroh, Joseph Trucano, John Varona
Absent: Dave Geslin, Liisa Keranen, Jessica Park
Also present: John Setterlund

Call to Order by Dean David Jenkins at 6:30 PM, St. Paul Seminary

Dean David Jenkins welcomed John Varona to the board. John will complete the term of Cynthia Mortensen.

Chaplin Setterlund shared a meditation and prayer. It was on Paul's letter to the Corinthians and the importance of caring for each other in this season of Lent.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The Minutes of the January 27, 2020 Board Meeting were approved as written.

Report: Treasurer Report given by David Jenkins for Dave Geslin

The finances are in order and the budget is on track.

Motion: Tom Ferry moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Second: Phil Radtke

Motion Carried.

Report: Secretary Report given by Joyce Brown

Mary Joy Rieder is the appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee. The slate of candidates for the 2020 election are currently being asked if they would like to serve, and will be presented at the March meeting. The ballots will be mailed by the first week in April, and the results will be in the June 2020 *Pipenotes* newsletter.

Report: Program Committee and Convention Planning Report given by Jacob Benda

-The February Vierge Festival was well received and well attended.

-The Pipe Organ Discovery Day, at Shepherd of the Hills in Shoreview, was successful with 9 children and 6 parents and 25 attendees.

-The Convention planning continues to move forward. The second budget and program have been submitted to National. The web site and logo are expected to be finished this week.

Report: Dean's Report given by David Jenkins

-The Audit Committee led by Phil Asgian needs another member. The job description is being updated.

-There was discussion regarding the tax exempt status for churches hosting private music instruction. The Professional Concern Committee is consulting with National AGO, and is awaiting more information.

-It is mentioned that there is always a need for ushers at our programs.

-The Dean would like to see small group gatherings of organists, perhaps by neighborhood, this summer. It would be a way of connecting the membership.

-The current Hospitality Chair is open and presently event receptions are hosted by an ongoing, rotating volunteer. Although it would be better to have a chair, the volunteer system seems to be working at present.

-A conference call was made with Jayson Engquist, the Registrar. A lifetime membership is being discussed for our own Michael Barone.

-Discussion was also had regarding the future of the radio program "Pipedreams" and its future. Concern is also expressed over ownership of recordings should any changes happen to the program. A proposal was discussed establishing a "Pipedreams" endowment fund. Conversations with National AGO associates about this proposal are planned for this summer at the National Atlanta Convention.

Motion: Tom Ferry moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Phil Radtke

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.